

# Example Blog Posts

## 1. Book Report:

28 kids, a sideways school, a ghost classroom, and a rat makes for a wild read with the book Sideways Stories from Wayside School, by Louis Sachar. This book is best known for its wacky chapters that center on each of the students in Mrs. Jewel's class.

The book begins by first explaining to the reader that Wayside School was built backwards. It was supposed to be built as a one story building with 30 classrooms, but instead was built 30 stories tall with one classroom on each floor. Most of the time, the setting of the book focuses on Mrs. Jewel's class which is located on the 30th floor. Each chapter is its own short story.

A few of my favorite chapters include the short story about Calvin who is asked to deliver a note to Miss Zarves on the nineteenth floor. Only, the nineteenth floor doesn't exist! Poor Calvin spends his entire chapter trying to deliver the note to a nonexistent teacher and classroom. I also enjoyed the chapter about Paul and his classmate Leslie. Leslie has two braided ponytails that Paul cannot resist pulling. His story is all about his inability to resist the urge to pull Leslie's pigtales!

I think you would like this book if you enjoy crazy, hilarious stories. You do not even need to read this book in order, as each chapter is almost a story in itself! There are other books by Louis Sachar about Wayside School, including Wayside School is Falling Down and Wayside School gets a Little Stranger. Check this book out if you are looking for a good laugh!

## 2. Best Quotes:

Book Selection: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

1. **"You doubt your value. Don't run from who you are."**-

Aslan p.

This quote stood out to me because, like Lucy, we often wish we were something different. We all bring something special and unique to this world and we should celebrate that.

2. **"All shall be done, but it may be harder than you think."** -

Aslan p. 129

To me, this quote means that important things are often hard things. We must have grit and perseverance to find success.

3. **"People who have not been in Narnia sometimes think that a thing cannot be good and terrible at the same time"**-

p. 126.

This is important because Aslan can be scary and fierce, but also good.

4. **"She is a perfectly terrible person," said Lucy. "She calls herself the Queen of Narnia though she has no right to be queen at all, and all the Fauns and Dryands and Naiads and Dwarfs and Animals—at least all the good ones—simply hate her. And she can turn people into stone and do all kinds of horrible things. And she has made a magic so that it is always winter in Narnia—always winter, but it never gets to Christmas. And she drives about on a sledge, drawn by reindeer, with her wand in her hand and a crown on her head."**- p. 83-84. This is the part when we realize just how evil the witch truly is and that she cannot be trusted.

5. **"I think – I don't know – but I think I could be brave enough."** - Lucy p. 109 . Lucy is showing her strong will and the importance of courage in this chapter.

6. **"They say Aslan is on the move- perhaps has already landed."** And now a very curious thing happened. None of the children knew who Aslan was anymore than you do;



#### 4. Literature Themes:

I have recently finished the book Because of Winn Dixie, by Kate DiCamillo. The main character, Opal, is quoted as saying “Just about everything that happened to me that summer, happened because of Winn Dixie,” Opal has just moved to a new town and is struggling to find new friends. After adopting a stray dog, Winn Dixie, Opal is able to find and connect with new friends. For this reason, I believe the main theme of Because of Winn Dixie is friendship. There are many examples of friendship within the novel Because of Winn Dixie.

First of all, the relationship between Winn Dixie and Opal is significant. Opal begins the story as a very lonely character. After she discovers Winn Dixie, he becomes her supportive companion throughout the story. They keep each other safe and happy and make new friends wherever they go.

Opal and Winn Dixie also befriend Gloria Dump. Gloria is an old woman living in an eerie, old house. Many other children think she is a witch. Opal discovers what a kind and wise woman Gloria is and talks with her often. Gloria gives Opal pieces of advice and helps her become comfortable in a new town.

Lastly, Opal and Winn Dixie meet Miss Franny Block. Miss Franny Block is the librarian. Opal visits Franny often and helps Miss Franny become comfortable writing and sharing stories again.

Throughout the entire book, Opal and Winn Dixie meet new faces, old and young, and become friends. Opal learns the value of friendship.